



RESOLUTION OF THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY DEMOCRATS
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01-27
REGARDING Education Diversity in Tillamook County Schools

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Education proclaimed: “Today’s students need to be prepared to succeed with a more diverse and more global workforce than ever before.”

<https://www.ed.gov/diversity-opportunity>

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Education further states: “A growing body of research shows that diversity in schools and communities can be a powerful lever leading to positive outcomes in school and in life. Racial and socioeconomic diversity benefits communities, schools, and children from all backgrounds.” <https://www.ed.gov/diversity-opportunity>

WHEREAS: The Oregon Department of Education states: “It is a policy of the State Board of Education and a priority of the Oregon Department of Education that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.”

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/equity/civilrights/Pages/default.aspx>

WHEREAS: The Oregon Legislature passed HB 2845 in 2017 requiring instruction of public-school students in kindergarten through grade 12 in the histories, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic minorities, women, people with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, and individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender in Oregon.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/2928>

WHEREAS: The National Council for Social Studies states: “Students should be provided with an intensive and recurring cross-cultural study of groups. This should include opportunities for students to interact with members of other racial, ethnic, and cultural groups.”

<https://www.socialstudies.org/social-education/80/03/vision-powerful-teaching-and-learning-social-studies>

WHEREAS: A 2016 study published in Sage Journals found “culturally relevant teaching remains an important method for promoting achievement and positive identities for students of all races.”

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2158244016660744>

WHEREAS: Tillamook County Democrats agree with the National Democratic Party that Democrats are committed to ending discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability status.

<https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/party-platform/healing-the-soul-of-america/>

NOW, THEREFORE:

Section 1. Tillamook County Democrats resolve to support educators who teach diversity in their classrooms.

Section 2. Tillamook County Democrats resolve to support school-board members who support curricula that teach diversity in schools as mandated in state and federal laws.

Section 3. Tillamook County Democrats resolve to continue advocating in the community for public-school curricula which reflect and celebrate the diversity in our community.

Section 4. Tillamook County Democrats support continued constructive parental involvement in the education of their children, with a balanced approach for all diverse groups.

Section 5. Tillamook County Democrats support an educational system that provides students with multiple views, encouraging them to ask thoughtful questions and become informed decision-making citizens.

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